



Transitioning to High School: What to Expect in Grade 9

Purpose of Today's Lesson

- To learn about the High School registration process
- To be introduced to High School concepts
- To focus on the importance of doing well in school

Where will you be in Grade 9?

- E.O. Smith High School
- Ag-Ed at E.O. Smith
- Windham Tech
 - There will be a separate presentation from Tech
 - Possible areas of study:
 - Architectural Technologies
 - Electrical
 - Automotive Technology
 - Electronics Technology
 - Carpentry
 - Health Technology
 - Culinary Arts
 - Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning
 - Manufacturing Technology
- There will separate presentation from ACT
 - Process to applying
 - Some areas of study:
 - Performance
 - Theater Production
 - Dance
 - Creative Writing
 - Audio/Video Production
- Private or Parochial School (see your counselor)
 - Decision you and your parents will make
 - Application deadlines vary

E.O. Smith Registration Process

- **February:** Teacher recommendations are mailed home
- **February/March:** High School counselors present on how to register
- **May:** Peer Natural Helpers lead discussions and answer questions

Grade 9 Courses

Levels:

- **“A”** is the most challenging level of study. Students enrolled in these courses are generally highly skilled and motivated students with strong critical thinking skills and an orientation toward independent work.
- **“B”** is a college prep level of study. Students enrolled in these courses will cover a body of knowledge that will adequately prepare them for college. There is an emphasis on skill development.

Courses you have to take:

- English
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education
- Health (one semester)

In addition to these classes you can opt for electives, some options for those are:

- World Language
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Business

What are some of your interests and what electives might you want to take?

What is a credit?

- Credit = A point earned for passing a course
 - One Full Year Course = 1 Credit (except PE which is .5 credits)
 - One Half Year Course = .5 Credit
 - Study Hall = 0 Credits
- You will not earn a credit for a course if:
 - You do not earn a 60 or higher (D- or better) in the class
 - You have too many absences/tardies
- Credits needed to graduate = 23 Credits

Required Courses Credit Distribution

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Biology	1 Credits
Elective Science	2 Credits
PE	1.5 Credits
Computer Literacy	.5 Credits
Health	.5 Credits
Applied or Fine Arts	1.0 Credit
Electives	5.5 Credits

23 Credits

Example 1:

A student takes the following classes in grade 9 and passes all of them with a grade of 60 or better:

English 9A
Geometry A
Politics B/Geography B
IPS B
Physical Education
French 1 B
Health
Painting I

This student earned _____ credits

Example 2:

A student takes the following classes in grade 9 and passes all classes with a 60 or better EXCEPT English which the student failed for the year:

English 9B
Politics A/Geography A
IPS B
Physical Education
Algebra 1 A
Spanish 2B
Health
Chorus

This student earned _____ credits

College Admission Requirements – UCONN

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should be attending an approved high school program. Upon graduation, you must have completed at least 16 credits, with 15 in college preparatory work. Students should complete, **as a minimum**, the following college preparatory courses while in high school:

High School Course Requirements

4 years of English

3 years of math (algebra I, algebra II and geometry)

2 years of social studies (including 1 year of U.S. History)

2 years of a single foreign language (3 years strongly recommended)

2 years of laboratory science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

3 years of electives (such as Band, Art, Business courses)

School of Engineering & School of Nursing applicants: high school chemistry and physics are required.

Example:

At the end of 11th grade a student has 18 credits. This student received an “F” for a final grade in 11th grade English. S/he also failed Algebra 2 in 11th grade. S/he passed all other required courses while at E.O. Smith High School.

What does this student need to do in order to graduate?

Be a Well Rounded Student!!!!!!

Make sure to visit www.eosmith.org for information about the various academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities available to you!

AIM HIGH and GET INVOLVED!!!!

My High School Goals Are.....